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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:ETRD, OECD, AU

SUBJECT:AUSTRALIAN EXPORT TAX ON COAL

1. IN LETTER TO US OECD DEL, HALL OF AUSTRALIAN DEL  
MENTIONED RECENT GOA ACTION CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION  
OF AN EXPORT TAX ON COAL. THE TAX, WHICH WAS OUTLINED  
IN A BUDGET SPEECH ON AUGUST 19 BY GOA TREASURER HAYDEN,  
WAS APPARENTLY MODIFIED BY TREASURY PRESS RELEASE NO. 63  
ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN LOW GRADE STEAMING  
COAL. AS US IS MUCH INTERESTED IN TRADE DISTORTING  
MEASURES SUCH AS THIS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REPORT,  
TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME, ON CURRENT STATUS  
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OF THE EXPORT TAX ON COAL. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS

WHETHER IMPOSITION OF TAX IS CAUSING SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGE IN EXPORTS, OR WHETHER DIFFERENTIAL IS LARGELY  
BEING ABSORBED BY EXPORTERS THROUGH DOWNWARD PRICE  
ADJUSTMENTS. SINCE ABSTRACT OF HAYDEN'S SPEECH GIVEN  
TO MISSION REFERRED TO "OTHER LEVIES", REQUEST EMBASSY  
ALSO REPORT ON ANY OTHER ITEMS SUBJECT TO AN EXPORT  
TAX. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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